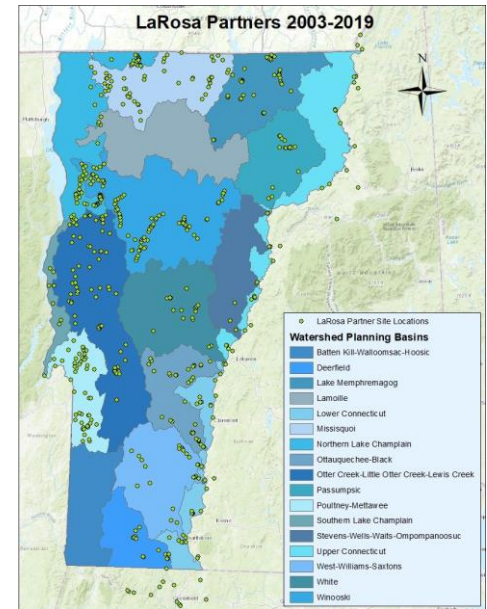


# LAROSA PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM NEWSLETTER



## REMINDERS:

- The last sample pick-up will be **Tues/Thurs** due to Bennington Battle Day
- Return all remaining supplies with the final sample pick-up
- Keep reviewing your data and note any suspect results.
- Meaghan's service term ends this Friday-direct future emails to [Jim](#) or [Heather](#)
- Send any photos to Jim

## NEXT STEPS:

- The next AmeriCorps member will start in mid-September
- LPP staff will be soliciting your feedback on the 2021 season soon
- Details on data QAQC, analysis, and reporting will be shared in the coming months



## ABOUT THE LAROSA PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM

Since 2003, this partnership has helped watershed associations and monitoring groups across Vermont implement new and/or ongoing monitoring projects for surface waters in need of water quality assessment by helping to alleviate the financial burden of laboratory analysis costs.

## 2021 Season Wrap-Up

- ❖ If you have completed your sampling, **please return all remaining sampling supplies with your last samples on Tuesday/Thursday, 8-17/8-19**. Please organize your extra supplies in a box labeled with your organization's name. **Please include:**
  - DI water bottles and any unused sample bottles
  - Acid kits- remaining acid, safety glasses, and gloves
  - Any unused sample labels/field sheets
  - Styrofoam and/or plastic sample racks
- ❖ If your samples are picked up by LMP, complete your last sample events and give your remaining supplies to the LMP staff when they pick up your final samples.
- ❖ If you drop off your own samples, you can deliver your remaining supplies to Sample Receiving at VAEL.
- ❖ There will be no more pick-ups, but if you did not collect all 10 events and wish to finish sampling, please contact Jim to plan your sample drop-off.
- ❖ Meaghan is wrapping up her service term this Friday!
- ❖ Please share any photos you took during the season!
- ❖ If your monitoring work was featured in the news or press, please share that with us too!

## A message from Meaghan, LPP Assistant Coordinator

It has been a whirlwind of a sampling season! Thank you all for your patience, flexibility, and dedication. We can't say enough how

much we appreciate all your hard work. I know coordinating community-based science is not easy, but the data you collect is critical for informing the State’s understanding of the health of our waters and will be used to maintain and seek solutions to improve the condition of these waters. It has been an adjustment for everyone as we navigate the new LaRosa model, and on top of that, we dealt with issues like bottle shortages and a global pandemic. Overall, I am happy with how the season went despite the challenges, and I’m excited to see the results from the year!

As I wrap up my service term this Friday, I’ve been reflecting on my year with LPP. I gained so much valuable experience and a better understanding of what it takes to protect and prioritize water quality. I really enjoyed getting to work with you all toward this common goal we are all so passionate about. I truly loved what I did in this position, and I am sad to leave. I have no set plans for my future yet, but I am looking for opportunities to stay involved in the Vermont water quality world. I hope to cross paths again someday!

**2021 LPP Timeline:**

Date	Task
May 1 <sup>st</sup>	Sampling season begins! 8 regular sampling events + 2 high flow events (10 total events).  Pick up samples every two weeks on Mondays and Wednesdays: Event 1: May 10 <sup>th</sup> & 12 <sup>th</sup> Event 2: May 24 <sup>th</sup> & 26 <sup>th</sup> Event 3: June 7 <sup>th</sup> & 9 <sup>th</sup> Event 4: June 21 <sup>st</sup> & 23 <sup>rd</sup> Event 5: July 6 <sup>th</sup> & 7 <sup>th</sup> (Tues/Thurs due to holiday) Event 6: July 19 <sup>th</sup> & 21 <sup>st</sup> Event 7: August 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Event 8: August 17 <sup>th</sup> & 19 <sup>th</sup> (Tues/Thurs due to holiday)
August 13 <sup>th</sup>	Meaghan’s last day with LPP as the ECO AmeriCorps member
Week of August 16 <sup>th</sup>	Last sample pick-up week. <b>Pick-up will be on Tuesday and Thursday</b> due to Bennington Battle Day holiday.  <b>Please leave all remaining supplies to be picked up with samples</b> (i.e. extra sample bottles, DI water bottles, sample racks, acid kits, extra labels/field sheets etc.)

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**LaRosa Partnership Program website:** <https://dec.vermont.gov/watershed/map/monitor/larosa>

# 2021 LPP Water Quality Monitoring Sites

